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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Istvan Kerenyi, et al.  
For : **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
FORMING DISCHARGE TUBES OF  
LOW-PRESSURE DISCHARGE  
LAMPS**  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 13, 2004 restricting prosecution of the above-identified patent application to one of two claim sets, applicants elect without traverse claim Group I, comprising claims 1-16, directed to a method of forming a discharge tube, classified in Class 65, subclass 108.

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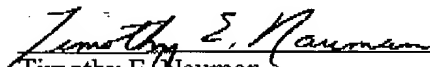
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Accordingly, the applicants hereby request the non-elected claims 17-42 directed to an apparatus for forming a discharge tube classified in class 72, subclass 135 be cancelled from further consideration, subject to refiling in the form of a divisional application during the pendency of the above-identified application, or any co-pending application.

Respectfully submitted,

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